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TOP THIS GUY, GENTLEMEN

Tristan Gareau, 21, was on a first date when he saved an unconscious man from a burning car crash on Kenaston Boulevard Tuesday night. See if he got a second date, page 4. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

McNeil chosen as new CAO

City hall. He has over three decades of public service experience



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A hiring committee didn't need to go beyond the Perimeter in selecting the City of Winnipeg's next chief administrative officer.

Doug McNeil, who has spent 30 years working in the public sector, including a stint at the city's water and waste department, was unanimously chosen to be the city's new CAO, subject to council approval at next Wednesday's meeting.

McNeil, who most recently held the job of deputy minister of Manitoba's infrastructure and transportation department, was chosen for his depth of knowledge when it comes to "massive infrastructure projects," said Mayor Brian Bowman.

"He has over three decades of public service experience working for both the City of Winnipeg and the Province

of Manitoba," said Bowman after making the selection announcement at Wednesday's EPC meeting.

"I believe he's a candidate who'll really bring a greater level of openness and transparency as well as accountability here at city hall with respect to our public service."

McNeil's selection comes after an 18-month period that saw three men occupy the CAO chair.

Phil Sheegl, a good friend of ex-mayor Sam Katz, resigned as CAO in October of 2013 just before a scathing audit on the construction of several fire halls — which showed mismanagement, inadequate oversight and favouritism — was released.

Deepak Joshi, who was chief operating officer under Sheegl, took over acting CAO duties, but was suspended Jan. 16 and then resigned his post in February. The reasons for the suspension were not made public.

Michael Jack, who was COO under Joshi, was tasked as acting CAO until the hiring committee made its selection.

Jack will return to the role of COO when McNeil takes over the CAO reins on April 7.

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City adds \$10K to budget

City hall. Budget now moves on to council meeting on Monday



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The city's executive policy committee found an extra \$10,000 for two additional grants in the 2015 budget — but no cash for aquatic services, nor a repeal of the controversial frontage levy or fall street sweeping cancellation.

On Wednesday, the committee voted unanimously in favour of renewing a \$5,000 grant for Mediation Services and a further \$5,000 grant for Heritage Winnipeg, and made a few other minor changes.

However, the EPC rejected a motion from the protection and community services committee for the reinstatement of a \$100,000 reduction in the aquatic services budget, an additional \$100,000 for the promotion of city pools, and \$30,000 for library materials.

Finance chairman Coun. Marty Morantz said there's enough wiggle room in the 2015 budget to cover the \$10,000 in extra spending with-

out cutting something else.

"It's a small enough amount that we will be able to juggle in the year to make it happen," added Morantz after the EPC meeting.

Mayor Brian Bowman said the intention is not to close pools, instead it's to find under-utilization so that the city isn't spending dollars unwisely.

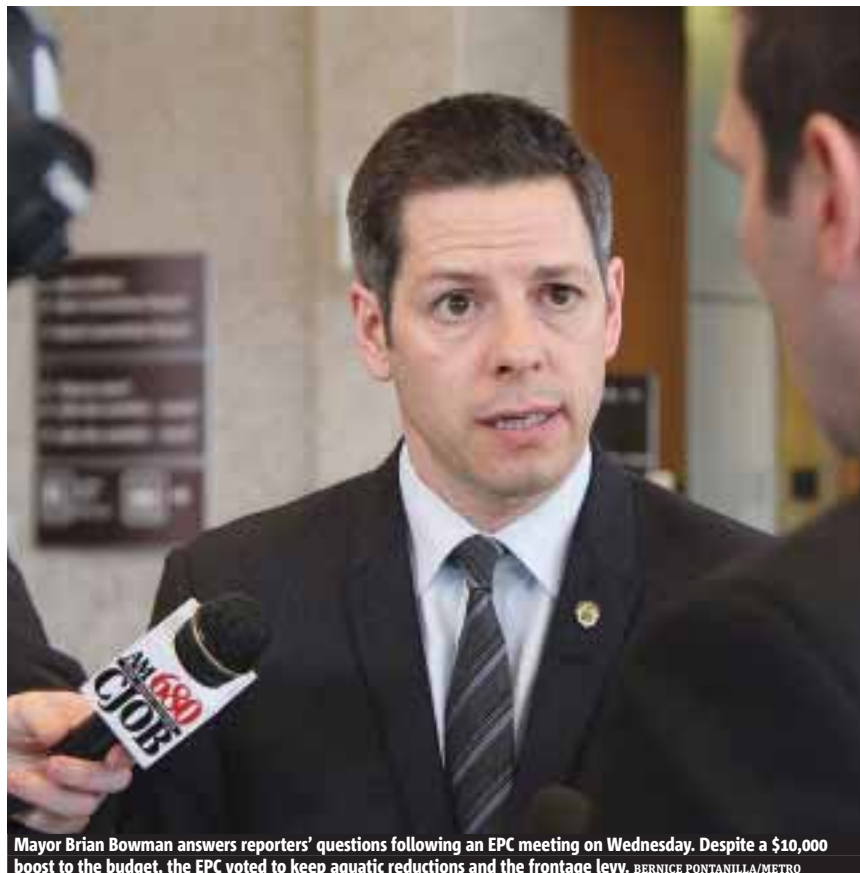
"For instance, covering an empty shallow end or a deep end," Bowman told reporters. "That's just responsible use of taxpayer dollars and so programs should not be affected."

Another item in the 2015 budget that's causing waves — the apparent change in designation of \$5.2 million set aside in the capital budget for an underpass at Marion and Archibald — wasn't discussed at EPC.

"(It's) probably the most important cut in the 2015 capital budget and it was cut without consultation," said St. Boniface Coun. Matt Allard.

"I got the information at the same time as did the public and certainly I'm going to keep talking about how important this project is."

The 2015 operating and capital budgets now move on to Monday's special council meeting.



Mayor Brian Bowman answers reporters' questions following an EPC meeting on Wednesday. Despite a \$10,000 boost to the budget, the EPC voted to keep aquatic reductions and the frontage levy. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Mayor warming to True North project

Mayor Brian Bowman issued words of support for a \$400-million development project that True North Sports and Entertainment has planned for downtown Winnipeg.

At Wednesday's executive policy committee meeting, Mike Ruta, CFO for the City

of Winnipeg, gave an update on talks with Convention Centre officials for the repayment of the \$33 million of debt guaranteed by the city.

It was during this discussion that Bowman said, "if we're talking about a \$400-million development in downtown Winnipeg, we

should all be supportive of seeing such a sizable development happen in our downtown."

"Provided the convention centre and its business plans and the repayment of the \$33 million can be secured, obviously, we'd be looking very favourably for such a de-

velopment," he added.

After the meeting, Bowman said he met with board members of both CentreVenture and the convention centre earlier this month.

"What I did recently was try to get the parties together to see how we can work more effectively together for

the benefit of Winnipeggers" said Bowman.

"I believe that all parties involved, all parties involved, are trying to do their best to help Winnipeggers move forward and I'm trying to assist in bringing parties together to do just that."

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A condo building was damaged after a man crashed his vehicle into it — and it promptly caught fire. The unconscious victim was saved by a 21-year-old man a third his age and half his weight. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Man pulls crash victim from fiery car

Good Samaritan. Tristan Gareau was driving his date home when he saw that the vehicle had smashed into a building

Tristan Gareau will have a hard time finding a way to impress his new girlfriend on their second date after capping off their first by pulling a man from a fiery car crash Tuesday.

The 21-year-old was driving his date home around 11:45 p.m. when they noticed a car had just crashed into a first-floor condo on Kenaston Boulevard.

They stopped to see if everyone was OK and when he saw the car's interior filling with

thick black smoke, Gareau rushed to see if anyone was inside.

"By the time I could tell there was a gentleman in there, the tires had blown up and that's when the car actually started to go up in flames," said Gareau, who works as a part-time DJ and youth soccer referee. "I couldn't let him stay in there."

With smoke in his face, Gareau — who stands five-foot-10 and tips the scales at 135 pounds — reached into the car, unbuckled the unconscious man's seatbelt and pulled him to safety.

Gareau had pulled the man, who he estimates had 90 pounds on him, a few feet from the car when two police officers who'd just been flagged down

stepped in to help.

Despite fears the car would explode, he went back to make sure no one else was inside.

"I just didn't want there to be a little child in the back seat," he said.

Police said Wednesday the man, 65, had a medical emergency, which caused the crash.

The man is expected to make a full recovery and police said Gareau helped save his life.

"I just had to do what I had to do, I guess," he said Wednesday. "I'm not looking for fame or to be called a hero, to be honest. I'm just happy the guy is OK."

No one in the condo was hurt and damages are estimated at \$95,000.

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Unexpected arrest made in years-old homicide

Winnipeg police have laid a second-degree murder charge in a homicide dating back nearly three years after the man they ultimately arrested said something incriminating to officers responding to a call about his well-being this week.

Daniel Hall, 26, was found suffering from stab wounds near the corner of Notre Dame Avenue and Balmoral Street around 2:30 a.m. on April 24, 2012. He died a few days later.

After remaining unsolved for years, the case broke wide open Tuesday when officers responded to what seemed to be an unrelated call to help a 20-year-old man at a downtown business, police spokesperson Det. Sgt. Natalie Aitken told media Wednesday.

"In dealing with officers, information about this incident was provided to them," said Aitken. "Those officers immediately



Police spokeswoman Det. Sgt. Natalie Aitken speaks to media Wednesday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

ly turned this individual over to our homicide investigators."

Police aren't releasing the man's name because he was 17 at the time of the killing.

Police don't expect to make

any more arrests in the case, but they are asking anyone who may have information to call investigators at 204-986-6508.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Physical activity. Ministers help celebrate 'Year of Sport' with funding

With several amateur and professional sporting events coming to the Keystone Province this year, 2015 is being called Manitoba's "Year of Sport" and the provincial government proclaimed on Wednesday a plan to build sport programming.

Tourism, Culture, Heritage, Sport and Consumer Protection Minister Ron Lemieux and Children and Youth Opportunities Minister Melanie Wight were at Sport Manitoba to announce more funding for the programming provided by community organizations through the Sports and Recreation Opportunities Fund.

"These grants and the funding for the Recreation Opportunities Fund will result in positive benefits for at-risk youth and families," said Wight in a release. "I am particularly excited to see how these initiatives will help create healthy and active lifestyles for all."

As well as the 2015 FIFA World Women's Soccer Championship and the 2015 Grey



Children and Youth Opportunities Minister Melanie Wight helped announce grants to community organizations through the government's Sports and Recreation Opportunities Fund on Wednesday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Cup in Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie is set to host the RBC Cup this year.

Lemieux said there are no fewer than 11 major sporting events coming to Manitoba this year.

The ministers also reaffirmed the province's plan to

fund the second phase of the Sport for Life Centre, a first-in-Canada location that will see sport expertise, training space and tools, exercise and sport facilities, therapeutic space, research capabilities, and the Hall of Fame housed in one central location in Winnipeg. METRO

Education

First Nations getting money for school renovations

The federal minister for aboriginal affairs says four northern Manitoba First Nations are getting funding for

new schools or renovations to existing ones.

Bernard Valcourt made the announcement in Winnipeg Wednesday. He said the government doesn't know when the work will be done or how much it will cost.

The money is to come from a \$500-million education infrastructure fund.

Valcourt suggested that building or renovating all at once makes sense.

He said it will save money on construction materials and shipping costs.

The Bunibonbee, God's Lake, Manto Sipi and Wasagamack First Nations are the recipients of the federal cash.

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Flooding. Evacuees won't return home 'overnight'

Negotiations continue to end a flood-forced evacuation of four Manitoba reserves that began in 2011, but the 2,000 people who fled their homes can't expect to return overnight, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt said Wednesday.

Ottawa has been working closely with the province and the affected First Nations, said Valcourt, who added that if it were up to him, people would be back in their homes tomorrow.

"But we're talking here about rebuilding — literally — four communities," he said. "This is just the nature of the beast. This is not something that will happen overnight."

Valcourt added he's confident that talks are progressing and "hopefully these people can return home as soon as possible."

It has cost more than \$100 million to provide all the evacuees from Lake St. Martin, Little Saskatchewan, Pinaymootang and Dauphin River with food and shelter. Most are scattered in hotels and rental accommodations.

A Red Cross study found many of those forced from their reserves are on an "emotional roller-coaster" and are adjusting poorly to life in the city.

Aboriginal leaders say some have committed suicide out of despair, while others have been exposed to high-risk lifestyles in Winnipeg. They say children have missed out on school and are being exposed to the dangers of urban life — alcohol, drugs and gangs — while residents are disconnected from each other and their traditional ways.

Valcourt said he's concerned about the toll the evacuation is taking but suggested evacuees are being "well taken care of" by the Red Cross.

Grand Chief Derek Nepinak with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs said governments have been dragging their feet instead of negotiating with the First Nations collectively to get people back home.

"It's a tragedy, and we're witnessing it every day."

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Selinger to have a talk with five rebel ministers



Premier Greg Selinger delivers his candidate speech at the Manitoba NDP Convention in Winnipeg on March 8. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Politics. Premier unclear about whether or not those who tried to oust him will be allowed to run under NDP banner

Premier Greg Selinger said Wednesday he plans to meet soon with five former cabinet ministers who tried to oust him.

But he was unclear as to whether the rebels will fully regain caucus privileges and whether they will be allowed to run under the NDP banner in the next election.

"Every nomination meeting is something that has to be planned out ... but right now we're working on how we come together to make sure we're focused on the needs of Manitobans," Selinger said.

Selinger survived an internal revolt when he beat former health minister Theresa Oswald by a razor-thin 33

votes on the second ballot of a leadership vote March 8 at the party's annual convention.

Selinger stripped the five rebels of some of their caucus privileges, including the right to attend caucus meetings. He promised at the time there would be a caucus reconciliation committee to find a way to mend fences and said Wednesday that committee is now taking shape.

"Every MLA is valued in the caucus, and we want to find a way for people to come together to provide the best service to Manitobans. Our No. 1 responsibility as elected officials is to serve the needs of Manitobans, and all these things will be sorted out as we go forward."

Under the NDP constitution, the provincial executive gets the final say on candidate nominations. Selinger sits on the executive along with several people who supported his leadership campaign.

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Investigates

Diana Swain for CBC News

Meet 10 of Manitoba's Future 40

The votes are in: a panel from CBC Manitoba and Metro has pored over 195 nominations and arrived at a short list of Manitobans they feel are making a positive impact. The list of Future 40 finalists has been whittled down. Our picks spanned the gamut — from artists, academics and activists to scientists, entrepreneurs, educators and more. We will unveil 10 new finalists a day until Friday.

CBC MANITOBA

Barthelemy Bolivar

Bolivar is a teacher and author with degrees in arts, science, education and business.

He launched the Haitian school Without Borders in 2011 and has authored four books of French poetry.

Bolivar is on the Board of Société Franco-Manitobaine, the Peer Review Committee for Creative Writing (Canada Council of the Arts), Amicale Francophone du Manitoba and Regroupement des Haïtiens du Manitoba.



Jodie Layne

At just 25, Layne has made a name for herself across Canada as a powerful women's rights and LGBT rights advocate.

Layne created Safe Spaces, a group that combats street harassment, empowers women and trains employees of organizations across the province on how to make safe spaces for women and the LGBT community.

She frequently contributes to national publications on women's issues, is a health educator at the Nine Circles Community Health Centre and sits on the boards of the Women's Health Clinic and the Rainbow Trout Music Festival.

She's a proud feminist who fights for equality and justice in her writing and activism.

Hijab Mitra

Mitra is the principle architect at her firm Mistecture Architecture, where she specializes in sustainable, community-designed projects.

Mitra's most recent project, Marie Rose Place, is an affordable housing project for single, immigrant women who could be at risk. It's now housing women from 15 different countries.

She's also worked on the Merchant's Hotel Project, and her firm specializes in socially conscious design.

She has a Master's of Architecture from the University of Nottingham but has had her feet planted firmly in Manitoba since 2005.



Marie Christian

Christian has spent the last 11 years working to improve the lives of children in care.

She's the program coordinator for Voices: the Manitoba Youth in Care Network.

Christian provides outreach for the organization, holds workshops and fundraisers and directly mentors young people.

She also co-ordinates an Equitas program for 13- to 18-year-olds in Winnipeg to explore human-rights issues and come up with strategies to combat discrimination.



James Magnus-Johnston

Magnus-Johnston is a lecturer on politics and ecological economics at the Canadian Menonite University.

He recently co-founded Fools and Horses Coffee Company in Winnipeg — Manitoba's first "waste-free" coffee shop.

On-tap wine, compostable packaging and local products are all part of the company's mandate.

He also co-founded RISE Urban incubator, a non-profit that tries to reduce our ecological footprint.

Magnus-Johnston is also very involved in the city's art scene and has worked with a number of city choirs and theatre companies.



Duncan Cox

At just 19, Cox is a powerful advocate for anti-bullying.

As a theatre student at the University of Winnipeg, Cox uses music and theatre to bring anti-bullying messages to students across Canada.

As a former victim of bullying, he's part of the group Hateless, which uses stories and music to empower kids.

Cox has said a big part of his activism is also knowing that victims aren't the only ones who need help — bullies do, too.

He advocates for educators to help bullies with better coping mechanisms.

Rebecca Norman

Norman started Manitoba Mutts Dog Rescue in 2011.

The group now has more than 850 volunteers and is one of the largest animal-rescue groups in Manitoba.

The group has saved more than 1,950 animals since it started.

Part of the group's mandate is to advocate for remote communities. Norman launched the Get Fixed program to help get northern communities access to spay and neutering services.

Manitoba Mutts also runs therapy animal programs at Winnipeg universities.



Dr. Allison Dart

Dart is one of Manitoba's only pediatric nephrologists (kidney doctors for children).

She provides highly specialized care for children in Manitoba, Northwest Ontario and parts of Nunavut.

She leads a program that provides life-saving intensive-care dialysis for children who are critically ill and also travels to Northern Manitoba communities to treat children closer to their homes.

Dart is the pediatric lead on the FINISHED team, which works with First Nations communities to screen for kidney disease.

Finally, she works as part of the DREAM research team that is working to better prevent and treat youth onset Type 2 Diabetes.



Travis Dreger

Twenty-two-year-old Dreger has started two businesses while finishing his degree at the University of Manitoba's Asper School of Business.

He started the first, Quality Concepts, last year. It builds screened-in areas for homes to keep bugs out.

The second, Passages.life, is an online service that improves the way people are remembered online when they pass away.

Dreger created the service to give people a chance to share stories of their loved ones in a safe space online.

He has also worked with a number of groups to foster entrepreneurship and technology use.



Callie Costello

Costello, 11, started Callie's Backpacks — a project that distributes backpacks with basic supplies to Winnipeg's homeless population.

Each backpack has deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, a toothbrush, body lotion, disposable shavers, feminine hygiene products, granola bars, juice boxes, water, Kleenex, Band-Aids, a deck of cards and socks. Winter versions have warm clothes and a blanket, while summer versions have baseball hats and water bottles. Costello raises money and supplies and has distributed more than 800 backpacks.

She also volunteers at homeless shelters and has participated in the CEO Sleepout and the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser.

Kindler's (not-so-terrible) comedy

Park Theatre.

New York-born stand-up comedian will perform in the 'Peg on March 27



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Andy Kindler is the quintessential comic's comic.

The New York-born stand-up comedian, a frequent guest on The Late Show with David Letterman, is respected by his funny peers for his self-effacing style, his jokes about jokes and his penchant for calling out hackery.

In 1991, Kindler wrote an article for National Lampoon titled The Hack's Handbook. The article was inspired by the 1980s comedy boom, when comedy clubs spread like wildfire throughout the U.S.

"If you could say, 'How you folks doing?' you could make \$50,000 in 1987,"



Stand-up comedian Andy Kindler, a regular guest on The Late Show with David Letterman, brings his self-aware style to the Park Theatre on March 27. COURTESY SUSAN MALJAN

Quoted

"I got fascinated by terrible comedy and started to analyze what I was going through in the business.... A guy who worked at Comedy Central said to me, 'I like you, but you know how these executives are.' I said, 'You're an executive.'" Comic Andy Kindler

Kindler said. "I got fascinated by terrible comedy and started to analyze what I was going through in the business. One of the first things I talked about onstage was a guy who worked at Comedy

Central, said to me, 'I like you, but you know how these executives are.' I said, 'You're an executive.' He was basically saying, 'I like you but I don't know if I can get it by me.'"

Kindler, who has recurring roles on IFC's Maron and Fox's Bob's Burgers, delivers the State of the Industry address at the Just for Laughs Festival in Montreal every year.

During last year's address,

Kindler called out, among others, former Opie & Anthony host Anthony Cumia, who was fired by SiriusXM for a series of racist tweets.

"There I'm getting into areas that are going to stir up

that person's fans, but that's not why I do it. I just feel compelled to do it," Kindler said. "There's other stuff, like when I say, 'Here's my impression of Jay Leno if he was a comedian.' That's just pure joy. Jay Leno has a car that runs on the energy of all the people's dreams he's crushed. That one comes from love.

"There are different styles of insult comedy. You have Don Rickles, a hilarious person who makes fun of everybody, but you can tell it's with love. And then there's Lisa Lampanelli. After you see her you feel like you just heard a racist rant.

"There's an actual line from one of her specials where she goes, 'We got a freaking spic here.' Why freaking spic? Is it because she doesn't want to insult elderly racists? 'Oh, we loved your anti-Puerto Rican material, but did you have to go blue?'"

Andy Kindler performs at the Park Theatre on March 27. Tickets are \$20 at the Park Theatre and www.ticketfly.com. Showtime is 8 p.m.



This. Is. Terrifying.

Eric Blais in The Woman in Black, now being presented on the John Hirsch Mainstage by the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre. The show, lauded by critics as one of the scariest stories to ever hit the stage, runs until April 11. COURTESY BRUCE MONK/ROYAL MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE

Royal MTC

'Gifted director' planning to retire

The Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre says its longtime associate artistic director plans to retire.

Robb Paterson, who has been with the theatre centre for about 30 years, will hang up his hat in March 2016.

"Robb is the most joyful, idealistic person I've ever known, and his positive spirit has carried over from our office into the rehearsal hall and onto our stages. He has an innate ability to analyze people, events and scripts and to uncover the hidden truths that drive them," said artistic director Steven Schipper.

"He is a gifted director, a riveting performer and, to quote one of his favourite phrases, the hardest-working man in show business."

"I have been a theatre artist in Winnipeg for 35 years, and more than half of my shows have been at Royal MTC, so this was a difficult and emotional decision," said Paterson. "My wife Heather and I raised our family here, and I have loved my time at Royal MTC." **METRO**

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A police officer flies the Aeryon Scout in Halton, Ont. Halton police bought a drone in 2009, and since then, it has been used in about 50 missions. Inset: A drone's-eye view of the scene of an accident reconstruction. COURTESY AERYON LABS

'We don't just fly over homes at random'

Law enforcement.

Worried about police using drones in Canada? Departments that use them say it's nothing to fret about



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Halton Regional Police in Ontario have used their drone to search for missing persons, probe collisions and investigate an armed robbery and homicide. In 2012, the Aeryon Scout, as their drone is named, helped officers find about \$744,000 worth of marijuana that was growing on a farm.

Halton police first purchased a drone (or Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, as they are known in the industry) to use in their investigations in 2009, when it was still a relatively new technology in law enforcement. Since then, it has been used in 50 police missions, according to now-retired operation manager Det. Dave Banks.

"We don't just fly over homes at random," says Const. Andy Olesen. "Well, we can, and we don't."

Today, with many police forces in major cities in Canada using drones and the RCMP adding them to their arsenal of search-and-rescue tools, concerns have been growing over privacy and surveillance. Police

Coast-to-coast roundup:

A look at some of the police departments using drones or considering them:

- **Toronto.** The Toronto Police Service does not deploy drones but has had demonstrations from a manufacturer.
- **Ottawa.** Although Ottawa police are not deploying drones right now, their Collisions Section is interested in their use for aerial surveys of large collisions or investigative scenes as well as for use in missing-

persons searches.

- **Edmonton.** The Edmonton Police Service deploys a drone to take aerial photographs of accident scenes.
- **Vancouver.** The Vancouver Police Department does not use drones but is considering it for the future.
- **RCMP.** Various detachments nationwide have deployed drones for search-and-rescue missions as well as aerial photography of crash scenes.

are trying to calm the public's nerves.

Olesen says Halton police are very cautious about the use of its drone, given those concerns.

"We're very conscious of ... what people's perception of it is, that it's a surveillance tool," he explains. "We don't want to make that any worse than it is."

Halton's Aeryon Scout is a black and white quadcopter remotely controlled with a tablet laptop using Google maps. It is relatively small and comes equipped with video and photo capabilities.

Olesen says Transport Canada regulations constrain where and how they can fly their UAV, and the drone itself offers physical limitations.

It can only be flown in good weather, and its battery life leaves much to be desired, averaging about 15 to 20 minutes per charge.

"On the list of things we use it for, surveillance isn't even on our list, just because it's not practical," Olesen says.

"Down the road, (surveillance) might be possible," he says. "I think that'll happen."

Who patrols the patrollers?

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (OPC) has raised various concerns regarding drone use in law enforcement. Highlighted in a March 2013 report, the privacy watchdog has noted that "certain attributes can make (drones) a relatively covert form

of surveillance."

Tobi Cohen, spokeswoman for the agency, tells Metro that current regulations do not address the sometimes wide gap that results from "issues related to purpose and the privacy implications of (drone) use."

"Current regulations governing drone operations have more to do with ensuring their safe flight and do little to address the privacy implications of having Canadian skies filled with hovering data-collecting robots," Cohen says.

When it comes to drones, people don't always know who is watching or what data they're collecting. This "can contribute to a lack of awareness and effective complaint mechanisms," Cohen says.

To that end, Cohen says, the OPC advises law enforcement to comply with their video-surveillance guidelines.

Among their recommendations, the OPC says law enforcement should use video surveillance in a way that minimizes invasion of privacy, hold public consultations and assess privacy impacts beforehand.

Drones beyond the law: Halifax lawyer David Fraser says the public shouldn't be worried as long as the proper regulatory framework is put in place.

It's a historical fact, Fraser says, that new technology will expand the collection of personal information, which can sometimes lead to what he calls a "techno-panic." He says

Canadian Armed Forces

Canada has yet to use killer drones

While the United States continues to make headlines for their use of armed drones, Canada currently does not have them nor use them, according to a Department of National Defence spokesman. But that might change.

"We neither operate nor lease armed UAVs," says Daniel Blouin, but he adds armed drones "are being examined for future international operations."

"UAVs have unparalleled operating range and endurance," Blouin says. "If the pilot gets tired, you don't have to return to base and

land; you can just swap a new one into the seat."

Blouin says the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) have used unarmed drones in overseas operations since 2003, stressing that the CAF only uses drones in what is called an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) capacity.

He adds the current model is limited in that it can't carry heavy loads, transport personnel or conduct air-to-air combat. Only one model is in active use by the CAF: the Scan Eagle.

Blouin says it is used by the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Navy frigates on international operations, most recently by HMCS Regina in an ISR capacity.

privacy laws should be updated to reflect new behaviours that society finds unacceptable.

"You criminalize the behaviour and not the technology. Because it's really about the behaviour."

Fraser adds that drones do create a change in what's possible in terms of encroachment on privacy. For example, when living in a tall building, there is a higher expectation of privacy on higher floors. With drones, those heights will now be accessible to view.

"The question then becomes: does the introduction of drones change our expectations of privacy? Or should it?"

When drones are more intrusive on individual privacy, such as collecting information about individuals, "that's when it's worth having a good discussion about what our reasonable expectations are," Fraser says.

"That discussion should always be much more than, 'Oh, well, that's creepy,' because a discussion about what's creepy doesn't help."

Feds assess modern protests with national 'risk forecast'

Security. Meetings driven by feds' desire to plan for protests over environmental development projects

Use of social media, the spread of "citizen journalism" and the involvement of young people are among the key trends highlighted by a federal analysis of protest activity in Canada over the last half-decade.

A growing geographic reach and an apparent increase in protests that target infrastructure such as rail lines are also boosting the impact of demonstrations, says the Government Operations Centre analysis, obtained under the Access to Information Act.

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service included the spring 2014 risk forecast

in materials prepared for two meetings of the deputy ministers' committee on resources and energy last April.

The meetings were driven by the federal government's desire to plan for protests that might happen in response to resource-development decisions on projects such as the Northern Gateway pipeline.

The newly released documents heighten fears about government anti-terrorism legislation that would allow much easier sharing of federally held information about people, said Josh Paterson, executive director of the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association.

"To us, this just looks like the example of exactly why we ought to be concerned about these provisions."

It found demonstrations generally fell into four primary issue categories: social, political, environmental and



A woman protests on a national day of action against Bill C-51, the government's proposed anti-terrorism legislation, in Montreal on Saturday. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

First Nations.

The "notoriety and success" of civil-society efforts such as the Arab Spring,

the aboriginal Idle No More movement, the Occupy protests and anti-pipeline demonstrations have inspired

Canadian citizens to start grassroots initiatives and make their voices heard, the study notes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Education. Family of cuffed autistic boy wants answers

The family of a nine-year-old boy with autism who was handcuffed at school wants "full disclosure" of the records of their son's care.

Stephanie Huck and her husband have kept their son Daniel Ten Oever home since police handcuffed him last month to restrain him for acting out in the principal's office.

The family says it will not send the boy back to class until it sees all the facts — including the plans for his future care and staff training.

"He is autistic, so being out of his routine has caused great stress for him," Stephanie Huck told reporters on Parliament Hill on Wednesday.

day. "The traumatic event of being handcuffed has also had a lasting impact on him and on his family as well."

Roch Longueépée, CEO of Restoring Dignity, the organization representing the family, said they have not ruled out a lawsuit against the Ottawa Catholic School Board. But that will depend on what's revealed in the records. They are starting a fund to raise money for the family's legal fees.

Restoring Dignity is also calling on families of special-needs children who have had similar experiences with school boards in Ontario to come forward.

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Stephanie Huck, supported by her father Chris Huck, talks about her son Daniel Ten Oever in Ottawa on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Winter not done with Maritimes just yet

Melissa Nurse snowshoes over her car to look for a spot to let the dogs out in Upper Tantallon, N.S., on Wednesday. One of the heaviest snowfalls of the winter landed right on Halifax Wednesday, as most of the city became a ghost town of white, windy streets.

JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

Politics

PM shoots down critics of his gun comments

Suggestions that Canada is on the road to an American-style system of gun ownership or that the Conservative government condones vigilante justice are absurd, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Wednesday.

"Gun owners in Canada are not allowed to take the law into their own hands. Nobody here is suggesting they should be able to do that," he said.

Harper denounced his critics as confused rabble rousers who don't like gun owners.

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Israeli election

Harper applauds Netanyahu's win

Canada is taking a wait-and-see attitude on the foreign-policy implications of the Israeli election, although Stephen Harper has tweeted his own congratulations to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Netanyahu's right-wing Likud Party won re-election in Israel's national ballot, although it will take some horse-trading to form a government with partners.

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Middle East

Harper asks to extend military mission vs. ISIL

Prime Minister Stephen Harper intends to ask Parliament next week to "extend and expand" Canada's participation in the war against the Islamic State, possibly erasing the geographic distinctions that have thus far shaped the conflict.

On at least two recent occasions, Defence Minister Jason Kenney has mused that CF-18s could be asked to fly strike missions against extremist targets in Syria.

Harper is not ruling out that possibility.

The plan to deliver a new motion drew a sharp rebuke from NDP opposition leader Tom Mulcair, who declared his party would oppose it and that the country had no business fighting in Iraq or elsewhere.

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Netanyahu win leaves allies and foes on edge

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's strong showing in national elections this week has come with a price: He has managed to antagonize friends and foes alike with hard-line rhetoric on the campaign trail.

While the tough talk gave Netanyahu a last-minute boost in the polls, the Israeli leader could now face a difficult task convincing an already skeptical world that he is serious about reaching peace with his Arab neighbours — particularly if, as expected, he forms a new government comprised of religious and nationalistic parties.

Trailing in opinion polls, Netanyahu took a sharp turn to the right in the final days of the campaign to shore up support among his core constituency.

He vowed to increase settlement construction in east Jerusalem, the Palestinians' would-be capital, and rejected the idea of a Palestinian state in current conditions — putting him at odds with U.S. and European positions and reversing his own policy of the past six years.

In a last-ditch attempt to spur his supporters to the



Benjamin Netanyahu
DAN BALILTY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

polls Tuesday, he warned that Arab citizens were voting "in droves" and endangering years of rule by his Likud Party. The comments drew accusations of racism from Israeli Arabs and a White House rebuke.

In Washington, the Obama administration said Wednesday that it was "deeply concerned" by the divisive language used by the Likud.

Netanyahu's controversial

stance appears to have paid off at home. Thought to be in danger of being voted out of office just a few days ago, the Likud emerged as the largest party in parliament when near-final results trickled in Wednesday, leaving it in position to lead the next coalition government.

Dore Gold, a confidant and unofficial adviser to Netanyahu, said he was confident the prime minister could repair the relationship with the U.S., Israel's closest and most important ally.

"The U.S. and Israel have had very sharp disagreements in the past about different aspects of Mideast policy but have usually been able to overcome the differences," Gold said.

Gold declined to speculate on what Netanyahu might do, saying only that he is a masterful diplomat who knows "exactly how to address the U.S.-Israel relationship in a positive way."

The Likud led the election by capturing 30 seats in the 120-member parliament, according to near-final results released Wednesday.

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First responders rescue a victim after gunmen opened fire at the Bardo museum in Tunisia's capital Wednesday. Authorities say scores of people are dead after the attack on one of the country's major museums, while some of the gunmen may have escaped. ALI BEN SALAH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shooting leaves 20 dead, 50 wounded

Tunisia. Museum attack the worst act of violence on a tourist site since 2002

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"We will be merciless in the defence of our country."

Habib Essid, prime minister of Tunisia

Gunmen opened fire Wednesday at a major museum in Tunisia's capital, killing at least 20 people in one of the worst attacks in this struggling North African democracy that depends heavily on tourism.

Men with assault rifles fired at tourists climbing from buses in front of the National Bardo Museum in Tunis near parliament, sending dozens sprinting for safety. Two gunmen were killed, but Prime Minister Habib Essid said a manhunt was on for two or three others.

The identity of the attackers wasn't clear. Twitter accounts

associated with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) were described as overjoyed at the attack, urging Tunisians to "follow their brothers," according to Rita Katz of SITE, a U.S.-based organization that monitors militant groups.

About 50 people were wounded in the attack, which began after noon local time, Tunisian state television said.

Security forces immediately flooded the area around the museum. Tunisia's parliament building, where deputies were debating a new anti-terrorism

law, was evacuated.

According to Essid, the dead include two gunmen, a Tunisian security officer and a Tunisian cleaning woman, while the rest were tourists from Italy, Poland, Germany and Spain.

Tunisia has struggled to keep extremist violence at bay since the overthrow of its dictator in 2011. The attack was the worst on a tourist site since an al-Qaida car bomb killed 21 people in 2002.

"Our nation is in danger," Essid warned in an address on national television Wednesday evening after the siege ended.

"We will be merciless in the defence of our country," he added, describing the attack as an unprecedented assault on Tunisia's economy. He promised increased security in tourist zones and asked residents to be on alert. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Humanitarian relief

Haiti asks UN to delay withdrawal

Haiti asked the UN on Wednesday to delay a plan that would nearly cut in half its peacekeeping force, just as the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere enters a tense election period.

Ambassador Denis Regis warned the Security Council that a withdrawal will jeopardize the country's security status.

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Serbia

Police arrest eight over alleged role in 1995 massacre

Serbian police arrested eight men for alleged roles in killing more than 1,000 Bosnian Muslims in the 1995 Srebrenica Massacre. Chief Serbian War Crimes Prosecutor Vladimir Vukcevic said the accused "are former members of a special brigade of the Bosnian Serb police." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sweden

Several wounded, dead following shooting at eatery

Swedish police said late Wednesday that several people had been shot inside a restaurant in Goteborg and that some had died. Police said an automatic weapon is believed to have been used. They had no details on any suspects. An investigation is underway.

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Low-carbon economy in sight, report says





Climate change.

Experts from all 10 provinces say weaning Canada off fossil fuels is within reach

Dozens of Canada's top scholars are urging a sweeping remake of how the country produces and uses its energy in a necessary effort to wean itself off fossil fuels.

A report by 59 scientists, economists, engineers, sociologists, architects and philosophers from all 10 provinces was released Wednesday ahead of December's climate meeting in Paris.

The report suggests emissions should be cut by up to 28 per cent over 2005 levels by 2025 and by 80 per cent

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write, is that we're most of the way there.

James Byrne, a University of Lethbridge climatologist, said more than 75 per cent of Canada's electricity grid is already low-carbon. All that it would take to go the rest of the way is better transmission capacity between adjoining provinces and some backstopping by renewable sources such as wind or solar.

The report brims with other proposals. Minimize energy use in building designs. Electrify public vehicles such as transit buses. Link major cities with high-speed rail. Upgrade fuel standards.

"It's going to cost us about one per cent of GDP," said Byrne. "But it's going to save us four or five times that in health and environmental costs." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

by 2050. By 2035, Canada's entire electricity grid should be completely low-carbon. The good news, the scholars



Starbucks to bring lattes to your desk

Starbucks says it will start a 30-minute delivery service to customers in select parts of Seattle and New York City later this year. In New York City, people will be able to use a website to place orders. In Seattle, people would place orders via the company's mobile app. There will be no minimum purchase required, but deliveries will require "a small flat fee" and delivery workers will accept tips, too. Starbucks also says it's on track for a rollout of mobile order-and-pay across the U.S. The program, which lets customers place orders through its apps ahead of time so that drinks and food are ready when they arrive at the store, will launch in Canada this year.

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Airlines

Pilots' strike grounds flights

About 750 short- and medium-haul flights were cancelled Wednesday after Lufthansa pilots went on strike — the latest in a string of walk-outs. The Vereinigung Cockpit union said it would extend its strikes to long-distance flights on Thursday. Around 80,000 passengers were affected by the strike Wednesday.

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Ride-sharing

Frankfurt court bans Uber service

Frankfurt state court on Wednesday banned Uber's ride-sharing service Uber-Pop from offering rides nationwide with drivers who don't have taxi permits. The ruling stems from a suit brought against Uber by a German taxi association, which was heard in Frankfurt because it is one of several German cities where Uber launched.

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Big Tobacco

Bloomberg, Bill Gates join the fight

Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Microsoft Corp. co-founder Bill Gates are launching a fund to help low- and middle-income countries fight legal battles with the tobacco industry. The Anti-Tobacco Trade Litigation Fund was announced at the 16th World Conference on Tobacco or Health in Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.

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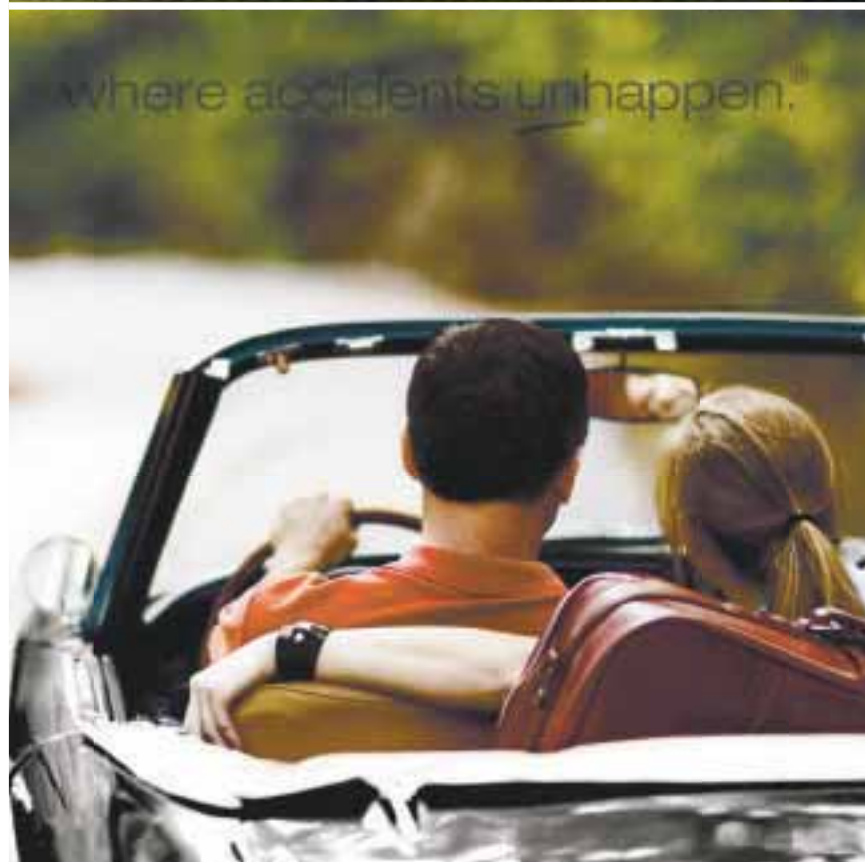
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THE GREATEST TEACHER

Ahead of World Down Syndrome Day on Sunday, CTV News anchor Tamara Taggart tells Metro how her son has taught her more about the syndrome than the experts



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We found out that our son Beckett has Down syndrome when he was five days old — and I'm not going to lie, it was devastating.

We were scared because we didn't know anything about Down syndrome. After seven years, it turns out Beckett has taught us much more about Down syndrome than any "expert." It's been a long journey for all of us.

When we were in the hospital and it was mentioned that Beckett should be tested for Trisomy 21, we started Googling "Down syndrome." I don't recommend this. Dr. Google is a jerk, and when you're scared in a hospital bed with hormones raging, you are incapable of filtering all the garbage out there. The outdated pictures and physical descriptions of people with Down syndrome are too much for a new mother holding her perfect baby.

Perfect? Yes. That's what I said. Beckett is perfect. He was the day he was born and he still is. But it's hard for some people outside of our family to understand this reality.

Others may look at us and feel sorry because our son has special needs, but we're not sorry at all. He's non-verbal, but he's making huge improvements. Toilet training is slow, he doesn't understand fear and he has a few health challenges — but it's



Left: Tamara Taggart says her son Beckett is perfect. Middle: Beckett celebrates his sixth birthday with dad Dave Genn, Taggart and sisters Poppy and Zoë. Right: Taggart and Beckett at Jericho Beach in Vancouver. ALL PHOTOS COURTESY TAMARA TAGGART

nothing we can't handle.

From those frightening early days on Google, we've come so far and we've done it together.

We rarely think about Down syndrome now. Beckett is a typical boy and he is not defined by his challenges. He's funny, bright and loving.

Perhaps the biggest challenge of all is the public perception of this syndrome. There were many times that I felt rage over ignorant words or careless stereotypes some people would use to describe my son.

As a new parent, I was asked num-

erous times if I had "testing" when pregnant, as if people couldn't imagine I actually made the choice to keep a baby with Down syndrome.

Telling me that people with Down syndrome are always such happy people is ridiculous to me.

My son is happy because he is loved, not because he has an extra chromosome. It's another stereotype that's still out there.

And don't get me started on the R-word. You know the word I'm talking about because I'm sure you still hear it from time to time.

I hope you can understand that people who use this word are thoughtless and unimaginative.

Even describing my child as a "Down's kid" is insulting because he's so much more than that. Beckett is my son who happens to have Down syndrome; he is not defined by his extra chromosome any more than you are defined by the colour of your hair.

The beautiful gift of time is that all these things don't bother me so much anymore, although I'd love to see some of these perceptions change. But I'm solid. I know who Beckett is and

what he has to offer the world.

When speaking with new parents, I always tell them the same thing: "Everything is going to be great, I promise." It's a promise they can count on.

If there's one thing I've learned, it's that I know it will all be OK.

Tamara Taggart is an award-winning news anchor on CTV News at 6 in Vancouver. She is married to music producer/guitarist Dave Genn of 54-40 and they have 3 children: Beckett, Zoë and Poppy

Men and women need to stop with breastfeeding shaming



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I can't believe I'm actually writing this column because this has been said so many times. But, given the recent breastfeeding-shaming incidents at a Winnipeg mall and on a United Airlines flight, I guess it needs to be said again:

Breastfeeding is not gross. It's natural, it's important and it's really difficult. So it's shocking to me that mothers are being shamed for doing it in public — and by other women.

I nursed my daughter for 12 months. Sometimes I covered up, sometimes I didn't, but I was always modest. It was painful and difficult, and I would have quit without the support of my husband. In that year, the

only people who ever gave me a disgusted sideways look, or admitted openly to being offended or disgusted by public nursing, were women.

Somehow their judgment stung worse than it would have had it come from a man. I look to other women — and mothers — for support and understanding. Women seem to be perpetually apologizing for their bodies, and the fact that shame and judgment often comes from other women seems completely illogical.

Penny Van Esterik, an anthropologist at Toronto's York University and a breastfeeding researcher and author, says some women see breastfeeding as an in-your-face political statement or a way to shame mothers who bottle-fed their own children.

She pointed out that as we have become more of a bottle-feeding cul-

ture, several generations of women have become unfamiliar with nursing. This has made public breastfeeding — something that doesn't raise an eyebrow in much of the rest of the world — seem foreign and inappropriate.

"Nurturing practices and customs are passed down from grandmother to mother and mother to daughter, and when those customs and support practices are disrupted, they are gone," said Van Esterik. "They are lost for women, but it's also a loss for men who don't know how to support their breastfeeding partners or where to look when they see other women breastfeeding in public because they haven't seen much breastfeeding.

"If someone responds with disgust to this basic nurturing practice, somehow society is at fault," she said. "Not

to support a breastfeeding mother is to reject one of the most important nurturing practices in the world. We should all be celebrating it."

We place huge expectations and judgments on women and mothers. That judgment needs to stop, and the change needs to start with women.

That means not expecting moms to tuck themselves into a bathroom stall to feed their baby for 45 minutes because you are offended by the sight of boobs across the restaurant.

Breasts are not gross. Our babies' hunger is not gross. The milk our bodies make to feed our children is not gross. We need to hammer this point home again and again and again until not a single nursing mother feels she needs to turn away in shame.

Van Esterik said it best at the end of our interview when she gave a mes-

Recent incidents

- A Winnipeg mother recently accused a mall security officer of telling her to stop breastfeeding because it was "offensive."
- A woman on a United Airlines flight said a flight attendant threw a blanket at her husband when she started breastfeeding her son on a flight.

sage to people — men or women — who have a problem with public breastfeeding: "Tell them to put a blanket over their own heads."

Kristen Thompson is a national editor with Metro News.

Shailene's still not a feminist, still doesn't know what it means



Shailene Woodley. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Insurgent star Shailene Woodley is doubling down on her comments from last year that she's not a feminist. Only now she's not a feminist and she's also not *not* a feminist. If that makes any sense.

"The reason why I don't like to say that I am a feminist or I am not a feminist is because to me it's still a label. I do not want to be defined by one thing. Why do we have to have that label to divide us? We should all be able to embrace one another regardless of our belief system and regardless of the labels that we have put upon ourselves," she says.

Of course, she might change her tune if someone explained to her what feminism actually is, because her description, as told to Time

Quoted

"I do not want to be defined by one thing. Why do we have to have that label to divide us?"

Shailene Woodley on why she's not a feminist

in an interview last year, seems a little off: "I love men, and I think the idea of 'raise women to power, take the men away from the power' is never going to work out because you need balance," she says.

"I think that if men went down and women rose to power, that wouldn't work, either. We have to have a fine balance." You know, like equality.

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METRO'S TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Kendall opens up about Bruce Jenner

I'm sure Kendall Jenner meant the best when she opened up about dad Bruce Jenner's rumoured ongoing transition, but her word choice isn't going to sit very well with the transgender community.

"He's a wonderful man. And just because he's changing shoes now, so to speak,



doesn't make him less wonderful.

"I will always love my dad, whether he's a man or a woman," she tells Us Weekly, rather nonchalantly trivializing the whole transitioning experience, but, whatever.

Cue the backlash in 3, 2, 1...

Bristol Palin engaged to Dakota Meyer

The daughter of former Alaska governor and former GOP vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin said in a blog post Saturday that Meyer came to Alaska to film the *Amazing America* reality show with her mother last year. She says Meyer is wonderful with her son Tripp.



Meyer was awarded the Medal of Honor in 2011.

The Kentucky native is credited with saving the lives of 36 Marines, Army soldiers and Afghan soldiers while providing cover for them to find their way out of a firefight with the Taliban. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



More Katie Holmes and Jamie Foxx dating rumours

Can't two incredibly attractive, wealthy and famous grown-ups just be good friends without everyone speculating that they're an item? Apparently not, if it's Katie Holmes and Jamie Foxx, who've been dodging dating rumours for more than a year. Of course, it doesn't help that Us Weekly found a photo of the two from February that shows them holding hands, playing footsie and being rather couple-ish.



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What Sally says about ageism and sexism

SXSW. In Austin at the premiere of her latest film, actress reflects on the limited roles for 'women of age'

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Sally Field wowed audiences at SXSW with her star turn in director Michael Showalter's delightful *Hello My Name is*

Doris, playing an earnest wall-flower who becomes the toast of Brooklyn hipster culture.

It's a delightful, comic role, and while Field got her start in comedy, lately she's been leaning more toward dramatic work. But, Field is quick to point out, that's not at all voluntary.

"How many times do I get offered comedic scripts? It isn't even that. How many times do I get offered anything worth considering, be it comedic or serious or anything? Welcome to the world," Field tells Metro.

"There's an ageism thing all over the place. Certainly it isn't just about comedy and it isn't just about Hollywood," she explains. "It's certainly illustrated in Hollywood, but there's a dearth ... of roles for women. And no roles for women of age that aren't just simply about being old, you know? It's not about your life or stages of life. So to find something like Doris that's just so unique, that's really about people in different stages of their life who become friends, is wonderful."



Actress Sally Field arrives at the premiere of *Hello, My Name Is Doris* during the SXSW Festival in Austin, Texas.

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Perception is everything

Are the offers just not in her Field?

While Doris director Michael Showalter agrees with Field's assessment of opportunities for female actors, he thinks his star might be overlooking one crucial mitigating factor when it comes to analyzing

the offers she's receiving. "I bet, too, with her there's people that wouldn't even consider (offering her a role)," he says. "They'd be like, 'Well she won't do it.' I'll bet there's an element of that. That she would seem unattainable."

For the record, Ms. Field would like everyone to know that she is in fact attainable — assuming the script is good enough.



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Music. Mary J. Blige just one of many acts rivalling the big Austin arts fest

Mary J. Blige performed for a feverish crowd Tuesday night at the Samsung Supper Club in Austin, in an event not sponsored by South by Southwest. It's another sign of unofficial concerts rivalling the festival when it comes to pulling big-name acts.

Iggy Azalea, D'Angelo and Nick Jonas are some of the other top acts at events unrelated to the festival.

Blige is no dancer, but the performer moved energetically at the show, even imitating Michael Jackson's dance moves during her funky hit, *Just Fine*.

She kicked off her set with *Enough Cryin'* — which features her rapping as her alter ego Brook-Lynn — and she continued with the up-tempo anthem, *The One*.

She moved like a pro, though there was water dripping from the covered ceiling on the venue's rooftop. She managed to manoeuvre in heels and an ab-revealing crop top.

"Go Mary. Go Mary," the crowd, who attended a seated dinner prior to the performance, yelled loudly. Blige's husband, Kendu Isaacs, filmed her performance with his phone while *Orange Is the New Black* actress Danielle Brooks, music



Mary J. Blige on Tuesday performed at an Austin concert not sponsored by SXSW. GETTY IMAGES

manager Kevin Liles and track and field Olympian Sanya Richards-Ross — along with her NFL husband Aaron Ross — sang and danced along.

"Where the *My Life* fans at?" the 44-year-old Blige asked, referring to her classic 1994 sophomore album.

She followed with songs from that album, including *Be Happy* and *You Bring Me Joy*. She also performed other hits from the past, including *Real Love* and *You Remind Me* from her debut album, 1992's *What's the 411?*

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Author Leslea Newman wrote the book *Heather Has Two Mommies* 25 years ago. It became a cultural and legal flashpoint. Newman has updated the book with fresh illustrations from a new artist.

Looking back on 25 years of two mommies

Society. A picture book about lesbian moms caused uproar when it hit libraries — now it's getting a redesign and reprint

A playful picture book about a little girl named Heather and her two happy mommies was a cultural and legal flashpoint 25 years ago, angering conservatives over the morality of same-sex parenting and landing libraries at the centre of community battles over placement in the children's stacks.

Today, Heather — of *Heather Has Two Mommies* — has a lot more company in books for young kids about different kinds of families, but hers was out of print and visually dated. That's why creator Leslea Newman decided on a new version, with fresh illustrations from a new artist and tweaking the text. The latest edition, out this month, is from Candlewick Press.

Newman wrote the story in 1988 after a chance encounter in Northampton with Amy Jacobson, a lesbian mom who was looking for reading material that better reflected her life with her partner — now wife — and their young daughter.

Newman, a full-time writer and poet at the time, chronicles Heather's love of all things "two," including her moms, one a doctor and the other a carpenter. When Heather joins a home-based play group

— changed to "school" in the new version — she is saddened when teacher Molly reads the children a story at nap time focused on a daddy.

The process of getting *Heather* published in 1989 was a slow one. There were about 50 turndowns. That's why she co-published the book with a friend who had a desktop printing business.

Soon, writer and businessman Sasha Alyson came knocking. He had just put out another picture book, *Daddy's Roommate*, about a divorced father who lives with his same-sex partner, when he spotted Heather in a Cambridge, Mass., bookshop and offered to take it on. Heather quickly took off and the repercussions — for both Newman's book and *Daddy's Roommate* by Michael Willhoite — were big.

Both books landed at the centre of a federal court battle in Wichita Falls, Texas, after opponents demanded them moved to the adult shelf. A judge deemed the effort unconstitutional. Newman said it was banned, burned and even defecated upon by a library patron in Ohio. It was among the nation's most challenged books in libraries in the 1990s.

"It's the book that brought to the forefront the issues, the conflicts, over what materials concerning GLBT identity, lifestyles should be available to young kids," said Deborah Caldwell-Stone, deputy director for the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom in Chicago.

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Controversy

Picture books that prompt protests

Opposition to *Heather Has Two Mommies* and *Daddy's Roommate* in New York City, primarily among members of one local school board in Queens, contributed to the downfall of schools chancellor Joseph Fernandez. He had defended them as optional reading for elementary school classrooms in a broader Children of the Rainbow curriculum intended to encourage teachers to better embrace diversity. In Wichita Falls, Texas, Dr. Robert Jeffress, pastor of the First Baptist Church, waved them around during a sermon on Sodom and Gomorrah and blasted them as anti-God and unsuitable for children. He and other opponents took to checking the books out of the local library without return, only to have supporters drop off new copies for loan.

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Memes gone wild

Those pilfered, captioned and shared photos that make us either cringe, rage or laugh out loud are as old as the Internet itself, but in these wild online times, is there any recourse for their victims?

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Chris Meloni a.k.a Detective Stabler

Some irreverent Law & Order: SVU fans have taken on the noble task of making star Chris Meloni a star by posting odd and ridiculous photos of the actor and captioning it simply with "These are their stories," the tag on the opening narration on the show. The results are simple, bizarre and utterly delightful. Also, apparently Meloni really likes to stretch while on set. That guy is flexible. **NED EHRBAR/METRO**



Bad Luck Brian

Kyle Craven and his gaudy sweater became the face of early teen awkwardness and general misfortune known as Bad Luck Brian when a friend uploaded a yearbook photo outtake to Facebook. Now in his mid-20s with years of internet culture conventions behind him, Craven says the ghastly shot was a deliberate sabotage, telling the Washington Post "Picture days were always fun days for me." **ANDREW FIFIELD/METRO**



Overly Attached Girlfriend

Unlike her web culture colleagues, Laina Morris willingly jumped into the deep end of the meme pond when she created Overly Attached Girlfriend – a deeply committed romantic partner who whispers her creepy sweet nothings with wide-eyed intensity. **ANDREW FIFIELD/METRO**

Memes, by definition viral little beasts, are everywhere. And they have many heads — shaming wrongdoers, bullying innocents and poking fun at an awkward facial expression, family portrait or school photo.

"When one of these mobs fixes on you it's like a Lovecraftian horror," said James Grimmelmann, a professor at the University of Maryland who specializes in Internet law. "Only madness awaits. It

can be beyond the power of individuals to do a lot about it."

Kyra Pringle knows that firsthand.

The South Carolina mother of a two-year-old with a grim life expectancy from a rare genetic disorder happily posted a picture on Facebook from her daughter's recent birthday, only to have the image rudely captioned and spread — sometimes gruesomely Photoshopped — thousands

of times and her ill child compared to a monster, alien and leprechaun due to her unique facial features.

"This is bullying. This is not right. She's fought for her life since she got here," Pringle told NBC affiliate WCBT-TV near her Summer-ville home. "She's not a monster. She's not fake. She's real. She's here."

Private companies that own social media streams and channels juggle a broad range

of take-down demands and other content issues such as copyright infringement, high-stakes privacy invasion and online harassment. But it can be difficult to eradicate viral content like photo memes altogether.

"We don't tolerate bullying or harassment on Facebook and Instagram, and remove content that appears to purposefully target people with the intention of degrading or shaming them," the company

said in an email when asked about memes.

Not all photo meming is tragic and not all sharers are evil-doers. Some subjects or initiators take it as good fun, embracing their accidental Internet celebrity.

Nearly three years ago, Kasey Woods in Waldorf, Maryland, put up a photo of her smiley baby daughter in a pink top and huge Afro wig that was left over from Halloween. Woods posted it first

to Facebook, when her page was set to public, then put the same image on her public Instagram feed a year later.

Friends started alerting her last year that the photo was catching on. It continues to pop up at least two or three times a week somewhere, including one version with a caption that reads: "Have a Blacknificent Day."

The image has been liked, shared and commented upon several thousand times.

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Joe Fresh creative director Joe Mimran greets the crowd in Toronto after his collection on the runway during Toronto Fashion Week in March 2014. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Joe exits the catwalk, enters the den

Fashion. A look back at the nearly 10 years of Joe Fresh as its namesake creator steps down from the brand

Joe Mimran surprised the fashion and retail world this week by stepping down from the famed label that bears his name. Here's a look at five noteworthy moments in the life of the affordable apparel brand.

Joe Fresh drops "Style" from brand name

When the label launched in 2006 with men's and women clothing, it was introduced by parent company Loblaw as Joe Fresh Style.

The low-priced line was initially only available at select Superstores. The brand continued to evolve, introducing children's wear in 2007, cosmetics in 2009 and its first stand-alone store in Vancouver in 2010. As the fast-growing brand forged forward, the label dropped "Style" from its official moniker in 2011.



Crystal Renn and Pat Cleveland model Joe Fresh ensembles. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Marquee models on the runway

Prior to pulling the plug on runway presentations last fall, Joe Fresh shows at Toronto's World MasterCard Fashion Week were among the biggest draws on the event's calendar.

The label generated big buzz by enlisting some of the fashion industry's top talents to take part on the catwalk. In

2008, Toronto-born, Richmond B.C.-raised supermodel Coco Rocha was 19 when she made her Canadian debut on the Joe Fresh runway to cheers and applause. American model Crystal Renn also made a splash walking for Joe Fresh, as did strutting fashion legend Pat Cleveland.

Scouts Canada Style Redesign

Scouts Canada uniforms got a Fresh makeover for the first time in two decades when the label partnered with Canada's largest youth organization to revamp its official ensembles in 2011.

The redesign was a collaborative process between the two camps, in addition to consultations with thousands of Scouts members. Canadian flags were featured in the re-

tooled design, which also saw the emergence of spruced-up colours and the elimination of badges on sashes for Cubs and Scouts, who now wear the symbols of achievement on their sleeves.

Bangladesh factory collapse

The production practices of Joe Fresh and other brands were in the spotlight following the fatal building collapse in Dhaka, Bangladesh, which claimed more than 1,100 lives.

Items carried by the Canadian label were among those produced within the illegally constructed Rana Plaza.

In the aftermath of the 2013 tragedy, Loblaw provided financial compensation to workers and contributed \$1 million to Save the Children Bangladesh and the Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed, in support of programming for workers in the garment industry.

Loblaw also teamed with several retailers in signing an agreement to improve fire and building safety in Bangladesh. The pact required the companies conduct independent safety inspections, make their reports on factory conditions public and cover expenses for needed repairs.

New outfit

Mimran welcomed to Dragons' Den

CBC says the fashion retail giant will be one of the next batch of business bosses fielding pitches on the reality series. Mimran has been behind formidable brands including Joe Fresh, Club Monaco, Alfred Sung, and — with his wife, Kimberley Newport-Mimran — Pink Tartan.

The new season of the show, which airs Wednesdays on CBC, starts this fall.

Joe goes global

The label has grown well beyond its supermarket origins. Joe Fresh is available in more than 340 retail locations, and also operates six freestanding stores in the U.S. The brand opened its first storefront outside North America with a flagship in Seoul which launched last year.

The rollout in Korea is part of a four-year plan to launch 141 Joe Fresh stores in 23 countries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cookbook of the Week

Meals straight from the oven



Got a sheet pan and an oven? If so, you have what it takes to make complete meals, snacks, brunch and even dessert.

Molly Gilbert's Sheet Pan Suppers offers more than 120 recipes that reinvent the one-pot meal. The appeal is twofold: First, it is convenient and, second, roasting, baking or broiling intensify flavours. But the real genius of the book is Gilbert's well-rounded approach.

Sheet Pan Suppers takes you from weeknight meals like Soy-Mustard Salmon and Broccoli to special occasion meals such as Rack of Lamb with Herby Bread Crumbs and Buttered Carrots as well as dessert such as Cannoli Roulade. **METRO**

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The Photo Cookbook — Tapas (iPhone/iPad; \$4.59)



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A collection of tasty bites from Spain, this visual step-by-step prep and cooking guide includes beef skewers, stuffed tomatoes, ham croquettes and tortilla nibbles perfect for get-togethers on sunny days.



Here's to redefining pizza night

Dinner. Portabella Cap Pizzas and Garlic Knots will make you rethink calling the delivery place you have on speed-dial

"This (take on pizza) is a fresh and healthy (traditional crust-less) version, which happens to be vegetarian to boot," writes Molly Gilbert in Sheet Pan Suppers.

"Bright Mediterranean flavours in the form of artichokes, tomatoes, garlic, and goat cheese come together atop tender, meaty portabella mushroom caps, the result of which should please meatless friends and carnivores alike.

"Plus we're throwing in some garlic knots!"

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F with a rack in the centre position. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper.

2. Place the portabellas top down and evenly spaced on the prepared sheet pan, making sure to leave room on the perimeter and in between for the garlic knots. Sprinkle the mushrooms with a pinch of salt. Pile the artichokes, tomatoes, goat cheese, and



This recipe serves two to four people. MOLLY GILBERT

Parmesan on top of the portabellas, dividing the toppings evenly. Season them with the garlic powder, oregano, and

a pinch each of black pepper and red pepper flakes.

3. Combine the garlic, olive

oil, and parsley in a small bowl. Open the crescent rolls and cut them apart into triangles where they're scored. Working with one dough triangle at a time, tie the piece of dough in a loose knot, tucking the ends under the knot. Arrange the knots on the sheet pan around the portabellas, leaving a bit of space between knots. Brush each knot generously with the garlic mixture.

4. Bake the portabellas and

knots until the portabellas are tender, the cheese has browned and melted, and the garlic knots are golden, 20 minutes. If your portabellas are particularly fat, remove the garlic knots from the pan and let the mushrooms cook until tender, an additional 5 to 10 minutes.

5. Serve the pizzas and garlic knots hot from the oven. **BOTH RECIPES EXCERPTED FROM SHEET PAN SUPPERS BY MOLLY GILBERT (WORKMAN PUBLISHING). COPYRIGHT © 2014.**

Ingredients

- 4 large portabella mushrooms, wiped of dirt, stemmed
- Kosher salt
- 3/4 cup chopped, drained jarred or canned artichoke hearts
- 1 cup chopped tomato (about 1 medium-size tomato)

- 4 oz goat cheese, crumbled
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Crushed red pepper flakes
- 6 cloves garlic, minced

- 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp minced fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 1 tube (8 oz) refrigerated crescent rolls

A fine balance of sweet and savoury flavours

"Here's an easy one," writes Molly Gilbert in Sheet Pan Suppers.

"A quick toss of fresh fruit with flavour-enhancing salt and olive oil, some strategic (or rather, mindless) unwrapping of cheese and crackers, and you're pretty much there, appetizer-wise.

"A brief jaunt in the oven coaxes the Brie to soften inside and lets our strawberries really shine — they'll hold their shape but yield when eaten, bursting softly with jammy sweetness. Grab a cracker! This one is best served warm.

"Feel free to substitute Camembert for the Brie, grapes or pieces of their

fruit for the strawberries."

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F with a rack in the centre position. Line a sheet pan with aluminum foil or parchment paper.

2. Place the Brie in the centre of the prepared pan. Place the strawberries in a medium-size bowl, add the olive oil and salt, and toss to combine. Arrange the strawberries around the cheese.

3. Bake until the cheese has softened but not melted through the rind and the strawberries have puckered and released some of their

juice, about 20 minutes.

4. Carefully transfer the cheese and fruit to a serving tray, or serve it right on the pan. Enjoy immediately, while everything is still warm, with plenty of crackers and bread alongside.

Ingredients

- 1 wheel (8 oz) Brie cheese
- 2 cups (about 1 pint) fresh strawberries, hulled and cut in half lengthwise
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt
- crackers and/or crusty bread, for serving



This Baked Brie and Strawberries recipe serves four to six. MOLLY GILBERT

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Organize your home the 'KonMari' way

Spring cleaning. Marie Kondo's best tips from The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up

Marie Kondo is like the Beyoncé of Japan — a larger-than-life superstar. But unlike Beyoncé, Kondo is a professional organizer and tidier. Her book *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing* is making waves among Americans who want to learn how to live a neater and more zen lifestyle.

We read the book, and can vouch for its life-changing impact. Here are the lessons we learned from Kondo through her technique, which she calls the "KonMari Method."

Get rid of unnecessary possessions

The KonMari method is to ask yourself if it "sparks joy." How can you tell? Don't think about whether or not you "might need it later" or if someone gave it to you as a gift — pick it up, touch it and decide if you feel a visceral joy for this item.



If not, thank the item for serving its purpose to you (whether or not you actually used it or if it just gave you momentary joy when you purchased it) and toss it. Kondo is adamant that you must throw things away before you try to reorder your home.

Do big purges

Don't chip away at your mess. Kondo says if you don't want to relapse into your slobbish ways, do your big discards at once. Why? Kondo says when you tidy completely, "you transform the scenery" and the tidiness will inspire you



Take a new approach to decluttering based on advice from Japan's professional organizing superstar Marie Kondo. ISTOCK

to keep it neat.

Tidy in order

Tidying isn't emotionally easy, so Kondo recommends tidying in the following order:

clothes, books, papers, random items and lastly, mementos. Kondo says we're not as attached to our clothes as we are to mementos, so this is the easiest order for us

to tidy to build up resistance to being overly sentimental.

Put everything on the floor

Kondo says it's easier to assess an item if you take it out

of hibernation. You'll be able to see them better, and it will be easier for you to pick up each item and touch it to see if it sparks joy.

Store everything vertically if possible

Kondo likes to store everything upright. She says stacking wears out the bottom items and that it's easier to see what you have when it's stored upright instead of at the bottom of a pile.

Also, stacking is more difficult when items are stored vertically, which means you are less likely to take on unnecessary clutter. Kondo folds up her clothes so they stand on edge and even stores her carrots vertically in the refrigerator.

Use shoeboxes

Kondo is against buying pricey storage containers, especially if they're not square or rectangular. She suggests shoeboxes because they are durable and the perfect size for storing small items. She even likes using the lids to store spices inside cabinets.

Kondo's timing couldn't be better — spring cleaning is just around the corner. Get ready for a "joy" ride!

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Court

Murder victim's family upset over Hernandez kiss

The family of the man former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez is accused of killing has confronted a security officer after Hernandez's mother was allowed to kiss her son's hand in the courtroom.

The kiss happened Tuesday when the judge and jury were out of the courtroom. Hernandez is accused of the 2013 killing of Odin Lloyd.

After a morning break, Hernandez's mother leaned toward her son sitting at the defence table and asked a court officer if she could touch him.

He said yes, and she grabbed his hand, then kissed it. Hernandez smiled, then rubbed his eyes as his aunt and uncle cried. He then thanked the officer.

Outside the courtroom Wednesday, Lloyd's family told the officer they no longer have a son to kiss.

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NHL

Kadri suspended four games

The NHL has given Toronto Maple Leafs centre Nazem Kadri a four-game suspension for his hit to the head of Edmonton's Matt Fraser.

"I'm not happy about it, but what are you going to do at this point? Obviously it wasn't my intent to injure the player and I hope he's doing all right," Kadri said Wednesday.

The incident occurred in the Oilers' 4-1 home victory over Toronto on Monday.

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Breathe easy, Jets fans ... while you still can



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That collective sigh you heard Tuesday night was one of city-wide relief in Winnipeg.

With their win over the San Jose Sharks, the Jets temporarily halted all the hyperventilating that's been going on recently as the team's grip on a playoff spot has been loosening.

A look at the remaining schedule, however, might send fans dashing for their paper bags again. Nine of Winnipeg's final 12 games are against teams currently holding down a playoff spot and only one is against a club below .500 (Edmonton). The combined record of those teams is 381-242-74. Those aren't the kinds of numbers that will breathe life into the Jets' playoff hopes.

That being said, a little perspective is needed.

At the start of the season, most pundits, including this columnist and The Hockey News, picked Winnipeg to finish last in the Central Division, but that will happen now only with a Toronto Maple Leafs-like collapse, so some serious crow is likely on the menu for most in hockey media.

The Jets have already exceeded expectations just by being in the race. More than that, though, their destiny is in their own hands. If they win the games that matter most, there will be playoff games in Winnipeg mid-April.

And isn't that all fans



Playoff berths could be on the line when the Jets and Flames close the regular season on April 11. DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES

Shots on goal

	Shot attempts close	Unblocked shot attempts close
Winnipeg Jets	52.71 (6th)	52.45 (9th)
Calgary Flames	45.16 (27th)	45.84 (26th)

could have hoped for this season, given their team plays in the NHL's Division of Death? Only the Central has three 90-point teams, and the other three divisions have two teams each below 70 points that the top teams can feast on. And yet, the Jets are hanging in there.

Now, they do have a mur-

derer's row of opponents to go through down the stretch — including the Blues (twice), Habs, Blackhawks, Rangers — but they also have four games against teams they're battling for the last playoff spot: two versus the Canucks and one date each with the Wild and Flames. If the Jets win three of those four games, they prob-

ably make the playoffs.

So now is no time to worry. The date for that is likely April 11, when Winnipeg hosts Calgary on the last day of the season, a game that could end up deciding their playoff fate.

The advanced stats say there's no way the Flames (one of the NHL's worst possession teams) should beat out the Jets (one the league's best). Of course, on the scoreboard, Calgary has crushed Winnipeg (5-2 and 4-1) in the two games they've played this season.

For now, it's best to just sit back, relax and breathe easy. The time to freak out isn't nigh.

Jones amiss in loss to Swiss

Canada's Jennifer Jones squandered an opportunity to cement a playoff berth at the world women's curling championship Wednesday.

Jones' Winnipeg squad dropped a 7-6 decision to Switzerland's Alina Patz in the late draw to snap its five-game win streak. It came after the Canadians captured a 9-3 victory over Norway.

Jones headed into the final day of round-robin play Thursday needing one more win to clinch playoff berth.

Switzerland (8-1) moved

Quoted

"We know that we have to come out and win both (Thursday) and we'll find ourselves in a really good spot."

Jennifer Jones

atop the overall standings and assured itself of no worse than a tiebreaker scenario. Canada (7-2) plays twice Thursday, facing Germany's Daniela

Driendl (4-5) and Japan's Ayumi Ogasawara (5-4).

"I think we just didn't have the start we wanted and we kind of had to battle back," said second Jill Officer. "We certainly had some opportunities in the last couple ends, but it just didn't work out for us."

"We'll have to win out (Thursday) and hopefully that does good things for us."

Two wins Thursday would secure Canada a berth Friday in the 1-2 Page playoff game.

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Canada's Jennifer Jones throws a rock as Dawn McEwen, right, and Jill Officer sweep against Norway at the world women's curling championship Wednesday in Sapporo, Japan. Canada beat Norway but lost to Switzerland on Wednesday. RICHARD GRAY/WORLD CURLING FEDERATION/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jets contend for playoffs despite injuries



Jets Andrew Ladd, left, Mark Scheifele and Blake Wheeler celebrate after Scheifele scored against the Sharks at the MTS Centre on Tuesday night. TREVOR HAGAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS



**VIEW FROM
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The NHL playoffs are right around the corner and the entire city of Winnipeg is bracing for what should be some of the most exciting hockey we have seen since the NHL returned in 2011.

With 70 games on the books and a dozen to go in the regular season, the Winnipeg Jets are right in the middle of a playoff dogfight that will come down to the final week of the season. The team has earned the opportunity to play meaningful games right up to Game 82 — and if they can finish the job, we will be watching the Stanley Cup playoffs in Winnipeg for the first time since 1996.

Throughout this season the defining characteristic of the team has been resiliency.

Under the leadership of Paul Maurice, the Jets continue to handle all the adversity the hockey gods can throw at them. Injuries

are a part of the game, but what the Jets have dealt with at times this season has been ridiculous.

At one point, without their top four defenceman and recently enduring the absences of Mathieu Perrault, Dustin Byfuglien, Bryan Little and Ben Chiarot, the Jets simply refused to fade.

After two disappointing losses last week in St. Louis and Florida, the Jets bounced back with perhaps their finest performance this season in Tampa on Saturday with a 2-1 win.

That was followed up with a 5-2 defeat of the San Jose Sharks Tuesday, kicking off a crucial three-game home stand that continues tonight against the first-place Blues at the MTS Centre.

What stands out about these recent games is how the Jets have had contributions from everyone on the roster. Blake Wheeler has been a monster lately, leading the way with five goals and nine points in his last five games.

The young core of Mark Scheifele, Jacob Trouba and Adam Lowry have all stepped up to the challenge, scoring and logging big minutes in crucial situations. Newcomers Drew Stafford, Jiri Tlustý and Lee Stempniak have shown why they were acquired before the trade deadline.

Even Ondrej Pavelec rebounded from disaster last week and played a big role in their recent wins.

With 10 of their final 12 games against playoff teams, nothing will come easy for the Winnipeg Jets. Every game from here on out will be like a playoff game for the team and their fans. But the Jets have shown they can handle the pressure and are ready to rise to the challenge.

Buckle up for what should be an incredible ride from here on in, Jets fans.

Lifelong Winnipegger and 24/7 sports junkie, Andrew "Hustler" Paterson hosts Hustler & Lawless and The Warmup weekdays from 3-6 p.m. on TSN1290 radio. Reach him on twitter @hustlerama.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Someone will play on your emotions over the next 24 hours, maybe for fun or maybe because they think they can get something out of it. Ruin their plans by refusing to get uptight.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Friends and family are on your mind but they are unlikely to mix, so focus on one and catch up on the other later on.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Watch what you say because if you let slip something that people in positions of authority find offensive it could damage your reputation.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

There is no need to go to extremes, even though certain individuals may be urging you to do so. Especially where business is concerned, avoid excessive behaviour.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You like to shock and the planets suggest you will do something outrageous over the next 24 hours. If it's a joke you will need to make sure that everyone can see it's a joke.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

An upheaval is likely over the next few days and there is precious little you can do about it. Actually, if you keep your emotions in check you could gain from someone else's loss.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Work and health matters will be uppermost in your mind today and tomorrow, which is good because you have been overdoing it of late.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Use the approaching solar eclipse to get a creative project off to a start. If you pour energy and into it now you will build up the kind of momentum that carries you through to the end.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Challenges are opportunities in disguise, which means you will have at least one and maybe several opportunities to shine over the next few days.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You can sense something good is going to happen but there is no need to hurry it along. Venus, planet of harmony, in your fellow Earth sign of Taurus means the right opportunity will arrive at just the right time.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may be disappointed that something of value is moving out of your life, but don't be. The planets suggest something even better will soon be along.

♓ Pisces

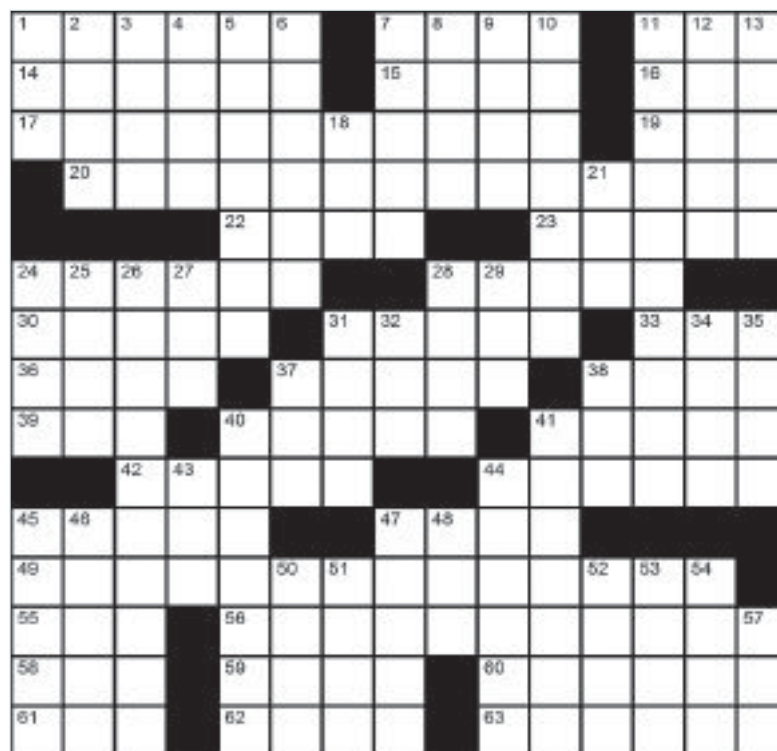
Feb. 20 - March 20

Tomorrow's eclipse in your sign means it is the time to go for glory. No matter how many times you failed you will succeed now. Be positive.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Creme de ___ (Black currant liqueur)
7. Centres, curtly
11. USN rank
14. Woolly camel-like animal
15. Ms. Brickell of song
16. Roadside mil. hazard
17. Meaning of 'Klee Wyck', Emily Carr's nickname: 2 wds.
19. Fight ender, commonly
20. Carly Rae Jepsen's latest song: 4 wds.
22. Ship's deck officer, commonly
23. "___ Gantry" (1960)
24. Beaver: French
28. Winter coat
30. Governed
31. Shocks
33. American '66', e.g.
36. Ancient war god
37. John's "Grease" (1978) role
38. Tattooing turf
39. "The DUFF" (2015) actress Ms. Whitman
40. Ms. Spacek
41. Concede/grant
42. Into-hockey-nets projectiles
44. Country legend Ms. West
45. Embarrassing public disturbance
47. Store
49. AHL team: 2 wds.
55. Folklore creature
56. Quebec town on



- the Ottawa River
58. New Zealand parrot
59. 'Fed' suffix
60. More breezy
61. Be imperfect
62. Feed on food
63. Sound system sort

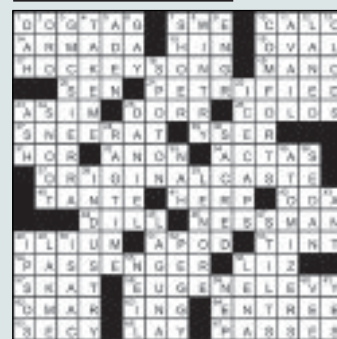
Down

1. Pres. Coolidge
2. Jai's court partner
3. Cowboy boot attachment
4. Having wisdom
5. "Sleepy Hollow" on Global TV fellow Mr. Crane
6. Maritime crew person
7. FOX News anchor Ms. Kelly
8. Graven image
9. Original host of "Cityline" Ms. Petty
10. Questers
11. NB: Saint John ___

- ___ (Shopping attraction)
12. Orange ___ (Tea)
13. Glade target
18. Belonging to Gander's lil' province, variantly
21. Banff sighting
24. Study hard

25. Lady Gaga song
26. Type of VIA Rail passenger accommodation: 2 wds.
27. Mr. Lawrence, et al.
28. Small
29. "___ takers?"
31. Ms. Jordan
32. Heavy wts.
34. Bryan Adams' "18 ___ Die"
35. The Neverending Story author Michael
37. Cartoonist Mr. Browne
38. Meet
40. ___ candles
41. Yogurt brand
43. One, in Madrid
44. A bride in "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" (1954)
45. Tend the fire
46. Kitchen gadget
47. Snapshot pose
48. Possesses
50. Ms. Hatcher
51. Where Muscat is the capital
52. 2002 Literature Nobel Mr. Kertesz
53. The Queen's cypher: letter + Roman Numeral + letter
54. Snick-or-___
57. Miracle-___ (Plant food brand)

Yesterday's Crossword



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Yesterday's Sudoku



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